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SUBJECT: COMMUNIST LEADER LAURENCE CARMICHAEL: VISA REFUSAL REACTION

REF: (A) STATE 172419; (B) STATE 179546; (C) STATE CA-4912

1. AUSTRALIAN BROADCASTING COMMISSION (ABC) MORNING  
RADIO NEWS COMMENTARY AUGUST 22 REPORTED THAT COMMUNIST  
LAURIE CARMICHAEL IS RALLYING SUPPORT FOR PROTEST  
AGAINST DEPT. REFUSAL TO ISSUE VISA.

2. RADIO SERVICE REPORTED ALSO THAT "PRESIDENT  
OF UAW INTERNATIONAL SECTION" IN WASHINGTON TOLD  
ABC UNION HAD RECEIVED REQUEST FROM CARMAICHAEL FOR  
INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. AND THEY HAD ISSUED  
INVITATION WITHOUT HESITATION FOR CARMICHAEL TO  
CONSULT UAW OFFICIALS IN DETROIT AND IN WASHINGTON.  
UNNAMED "PRESIDENT" SAID ALSO UAW HAD NOT BEEN  
"OFFICIALLY NOTIFIED" OF STATE DEPT. ACTION.

3. SAME PROGRAM QUOTED ALSO INTERVIEW AUGUST 21  
WITH ARNOLD JOHNSON, LEADER OF AMERICAN COMMUNIST PARTY,  
AS SAYING HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND REFUSAL AS "PLENTY OF  
COMMUNISTS ARE NOW VISITING U.S". JOHNSON SAID HE  
HOPED HIS "FRIENDS" IN UNION WOULD PROTEST STRONGLY.

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4. MORNING NEWSPAPERS AUGUST 22 QUOTE CARMICHAEL SAYING HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY HE HAD BEEN "DISCRIMINATED AGAINST". HE SAID UAW HAD INVITED HIM TO "STUDY ASPECTS OF AMERICAN UNIONISM". NO MENTION IS MADE OF FACT THAT HE HAD SOLICITED INVITATION.

5. OTHER STORIES REPORT CARMICHAEL'S UNION, AMALGAMATED METAL WORKERS (AMWU) CONDEMNED ACTION AT SYDNEY MEETING OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE AND THAT MELBOURNE MEETING OF AUTO INDUSTRY SHOP STEWARDS WOULD DISCUSS MATTER.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE CORRECTLY QUOTED AS SAYING MATTER BEYOND MISSION DISCRETION AND DECISION MADE IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY HAS EMPHASIZED ALSO THAT CARMICHAEL IS TOP LEVEL COMMUNIST, FACT NOT GIVE MUCH ATTENTION IN MEDIA REPORTS. THIS EMBASSY STATEMENT WAS RESULT OF TELECOM BETWEEN PAO AND LABATT AND REFLECTS DEPARTMENT POLICY STATED CA-4912 (REF C) AND SUBSEQUENT REFTELS (A) AND (B) RELATED SPECIFICALLY TO INSTANT CASE.  
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